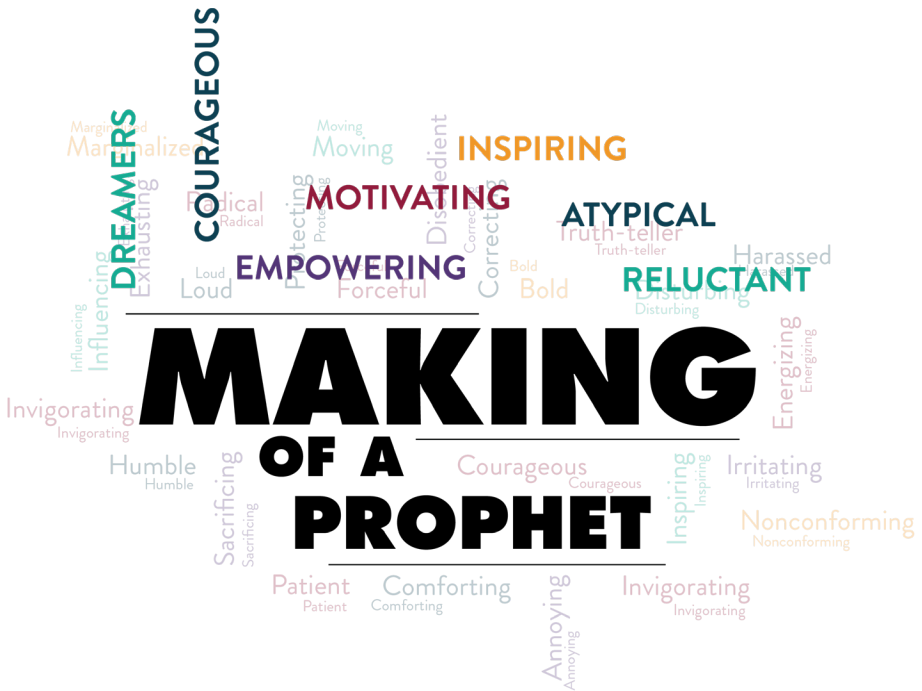


The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



AUGUST 25, 2019
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

WORSHIP is at the center of the life of The Riverside Church.

As you prepare yourself for Worship, we invite you to reflect quietly on these words:

“Poverty has many forms...lack of money, lack of emotional stability, lack of a loving partner, lack of security, lack of safety, lack of self-confidence... We are so inclined to cover up our poverty and ignore it that we often miss the opportunity to discover God, who dwells in it.”

—Henri Nouwen

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. It is signified by the green paraments and clergy stoles that represent new life and growth. Ordinary Time is observed from Pentecost until the beginning of Advent.

During the month of August, we will meet three of the most famous of Israel's prophets: Hosea, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. We'll learn who they were as people; we'll learn why they did what they did and what it cost them, and we'll learn the story of how their work impacted the grand story of the Israelites, and then we'll ask whether we've considered the work of prophetic witness in our own lives. After all, the times in which we live require people willing to risk it all, to tell the truth.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:

Complete a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate as it passes.

A free church tour is offered each Sunday after Worship. Meet in the 1st balcony, no reservation necessary. Tours also take place Wednesday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., as church schedule permits, leaving from the Welcome Center / Gift Shop. Reservations recommended. Visit trcnc.org/visit.

Assistive hearing devices and large print bulletins are available upon request from an usher.



GATHERING

We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

CARILLON

Prelude

César Franck, arr. James Lawson

Toccata

Léon Boëllmann, arr. Emilien Allard

Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

STRING ENSEMBLE

Allegro from Divertimento in D Major (K. 136)

W. A. Mozart

The Riverside Youth String Ensemble

Kristina Giles, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 380

O Christ, the Healer

Erhalt uns, Herr

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister Derrick Jordan

One: We are called to follow Jesus.

All: We are called to be God's children.

One: Called to move as Jesus did, among the people;
listening, helping and showing compassion.

**All: Called to name as Jesus did, the oppressions that destroy
our world.**

One: Called to discern the gifts of life God has hidden deep within us.

All: Called to use those gifts to further God's reign.

One: We are called to follow Jesus.

All: We are called to be God's children.

Come let us worship!

†INVOCATION

†*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

We listen for the word of God through song, Scripture, and preaching

SOLO

Laudamus Te (from 'Gloria')

Antonio Vivaldi

We praise thee, we bless thee, we adore thee, we glorify thee.

Catherine Tyrrell, soprano

Denise Woods, mezzo-soprano

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mara Landers

Jeremiah 1:4-10

(pg. 698 in the Old Testament)

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER LESSON

Chloe Landers

Psalms 71:1-6

(pg. 532 in the Old Testament)

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 436

We Are Your People

Whitfield

†GOSPEL LESSON

Minister Charlene Wingate

Luke 13:10-17

(pg. 76 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Harper

Go, Speak, Do Not Be Afraid... I Am With You

RESPONDING

*We respond to the hearing of God's word through prayer,
passing the peace, offering and monthly communion*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Minister Jordan

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray in the language or version of your heart.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Minister Wingate

OFFERTORY SOLO

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Harry Rowe Shelley

The king of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me. Thou spreadest a table in my sight, thy unction grace bestoweth, and O the transport of delight with which my cup over floweth. And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never; good shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever! Amen.

✠*All who are able, please stand*

†AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY

The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize the offering of our whole selves to God.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Rev. Harper

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Riverside Youth String Ensemble, where young musicians come together to develop their gifts, and learn to share the love of God through music.

SENDING

We are sent out into the world to love God and our neighbors

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Harper

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Canonbury

POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur

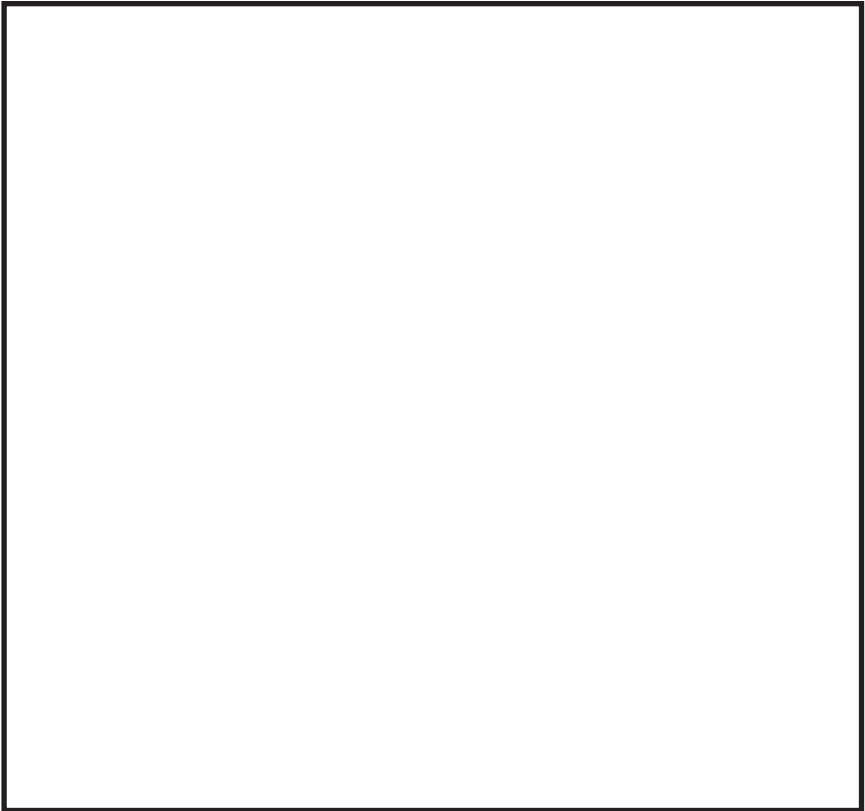
Théodore Salomé

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Mara Landers & Chloe Landers*



DRAW IT

In Luke 13, Jesus heals a woman who hadn't been able to stand up straight for 18 years. For so long, she had to walk and live hunched over. Jesus says, "Woman, you are set free" and she is then able to stand up straight and start praising God! **Draw what you think this beautiful scene looked like.**





UNSCRAMBLE IT

What does God say to Jeremiah to reassure him and show Jeremiah how well God knows and loves him? Unscramble the words to learn what God said.

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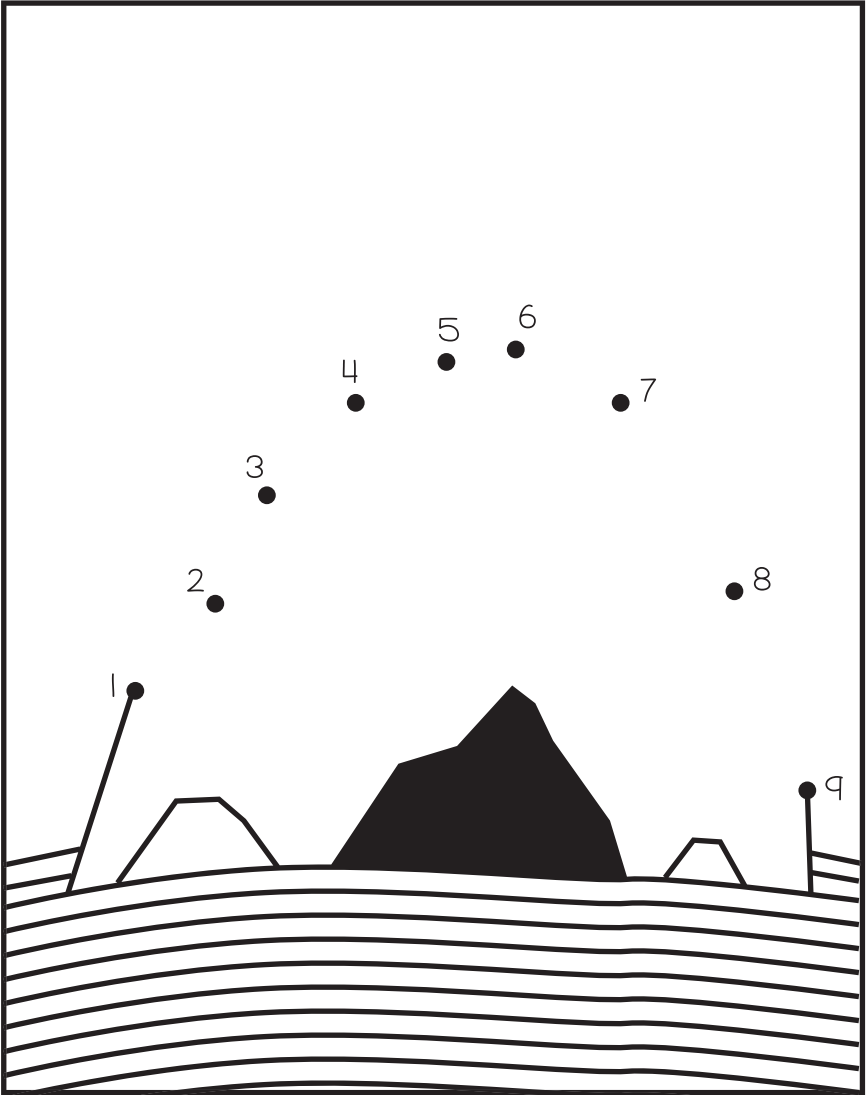
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ABOUT RIVERSIDE

The Riverside Church is an interdenominational, interracial, international, open, welcoming, and affirming church and congregation. The church is a member of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. and the United Church of Christ. Riverside cooperates with the Council of Churches in the City of New York and with the New York State, National, and World Council of Churches. Whoever you are: You are safe here. You are loved here. You are invited into full participation in our life together.

Rev. Michael Livingston, Interim Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Senior Minister Emeritus

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

For announcements of programs and events at The Riverside Church, please pick up the Life of the Community newsletter located in the back of the pew or outside the Welcome Center. Visit trcnyc.org/Events for more information and to download a copy.

PARKING - 8/25/2019

Parking is available in the garage below the building. Present this bulletin to the attendant before 6:00 p.m. for a reduced rate of \$5.00.

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